



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 19, 2022

Re: Hickman Pool Starting Block Replacement; Columbia Public School District No. 93 Agreement and Appropriation of Funds

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Columbia Public School District No. 93 (CPSD) for the replacement of six starting blocks at Hickman High School swimming pool. In addition to the agreement, park staff is requesting approval to appropriate \$15,000 in Park Sales Tax funds for the project. The six existing starting blocks at the pool are more than 20 years old and in need of replacement. Columbia Swim Club has agreed to donate \$5,000 toward the replacement of the starting blocks. The remaining cost for the purchase and installation of the starting blocks will be shared equally between CPSD and the Parks and Recreation Department. The project will be managed by CPSD staff and the department will reimburse CPSD for our portion of the cost after completion of the project. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$30,000 and \$35,000, and the project is anticipated to be completed by winter 2023.

Discussion

Hickman Pool opened in the late 1950s as an outdoor pool providing recreational swimming for the community. In the 1960s, Hickman started a competitive swim team and the pool was enclosed about the same time. In 1965, the City of Columbia and the Columbia Public School District entered into a cooperative agreement for management of the pool. The current operating agreement, which is not so different from the original, indicates that the City is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of items related to the water and CPSD is responsible for building maintenance. At the end of each year, the two operating costs are totaled and evenly split between the two agencies. Capital projects are evaluated on an annual basis, which gives each agency time to develop an appropriate budget. The starting blocks for competitive swimming at the pool are over 20 years old, show signs of deterioration, and no longer meet the necessary standards for competitive swimming. After discussions with CPSD staff, it was determined that the replacement of the starting blocks should occur as soon as possible to avoid disruption during the competitive indoor swimming season.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Columbia Public School District No. 93 (CPSD); and appropriating Park Sales Tax funds, totaling \$15,000, for the project.

The estimated cost range for the purchase and installation of the six new starting blocks is approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000. The Columbia Swim Club has agreed to donate \$5,000



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toward the replacement of the starting blocks. The remaining cost for the purchase and installation of the start blocks will be shared equally between CPSD and the Parks and Recreation Department. The project will be managed by CPSD staff and the department will reimburse CPSD for the City's portion of the cost after completion of the project. Any funds remaining after the completion of the project and payment to CPSD will be returned to the Park Sales Tax Fund. The replacement of the six starting blocks is anticipated to be completed by early winter 2023.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Staff is requesting an appropriation of \$15,000 from the Park Sales Tax Fund for the project. The City will reimburse CPSD for half of the remaining total cost of the project after the \$5,000 Columbia Swim Club donation is deducted from the total project cost.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement between Columbia School District No. 93 and the City of Columbia and the appropriation of funds.